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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAUHANEN ET AL.

Examiner

Huy-D.Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 11-12, 15, 23, 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8, 10, 18-21, 27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24 and 25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 01/05/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the arguments pertaining to claims 1, 4, 18, 21, 27, the examiner states that each of these claims comprises the step of setting up a new call in an existing multicall either by (i) setting up new call on a new bearer or (ii) setting up...

Lopez-Torres teaches the step of setting up new call on a new bearer (col. 14, lines 28-40) therefore the claims are read on.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5, 8, 10, 18-21, 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lopez-Torres (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,647).

Regarding claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 18, 21, 27-28, Lopez-Torres discloses a method of controlling a multicall in a telecommunications system over a transmission path between a telecommunications network and a subscriber terminal, comprising setting up any new call in an existing multicall, according to a criterion, either by setting up new call on a new bearer, or

setting up new call on an existing bearer such that existing bearer is shared by at least two calls [Col. 14, lines 28-40].

Regarding claims 2, 5, 19, Lopez-Torres discloses method according to claim 1, wherein a decision whether the new bearer is required or whether existing bearer is to be used is made by the network according to criterion [col. 14, line 64 – col. 15, line 12].

Regarding claims 3, 20, Lopez-Torres discloses a method according to claim 1 wherein criterion is a preference of a user of subscriber terminal [col. 14, lines 52-54; col. 15, lines 24-45].

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 6-7, 13-17, 22, 24-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 9, 11-12, 15, 23, 26 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 12, 26 have been rewritten in the independent format including the allowable subject matters set forth in the previous office action (paper No. 9).

Claims 9, 11, 15, 23 have been rewritten in the independent format including the allowable subject matters set forth in the previous office action (paper No. 12).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy D Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-3283. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Erika A Gary can be reached on 703-308-0123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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